

January 2014 Community Planning Committee report to Town Assembly

Resolution of Participation in FEMA's Flood Insurance program

Community Planning Committee had County Councilman John Cartier and Dave Carpenter coordinator of emergency planning management for the county meet with CPC to finalize the resolution to participate in the FEMA flood insurance program. Ray is also working with Pat Toman Chair of Ardencroft who will present a similar resolution before their membership for approval. The resolution is presented today before Town Assembly for consideration and approval. Once approved both resolutions [Arden and Ardencroft] will be attached with an application and the county will manage it through to obtain approval by FEMA. This will mean that The Ardens in total will be officially participants in FEMA's flood insurance program. Once we approve the resolution it should take 3-6 months to obtain FEMA's approval.

Progress with Vacant House Registration program.

Ray met with Town Chair and Secretary to go over the list of potential vacant houses provided by Registration Committee. Eight houses were identified as meeting the definition of vacancy by the Arden Ordinance. Letters were sent to all 8 houses informing them to register with Arden. To date we have received one response. Registration must be completed by January 31 2014. A final report will be provided in March on the results.

Conflict of Interest Policy

A conflict of interest policy was drafted by CPC and presented by Ray before the January Advisory Committee for review. As an incorporated municipality by state law we must have our own conflict of interest policy. The policy was modeled after several existing government policy throughout our state. It covers all elected committee members and all officers. The policy will be sent to the Town Attorney by Town Chair for his review. Committees and officers are to send CPC any questions or recommendation. Additionally the policy will be posted on our web page for all to comment. The policy will be discussed and presented for approval at the Advisory Committee March meeting.